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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed October 10, 2000, please amend the application follows:

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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 19, 20 and 50.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 60 as follows:

617-- 1. (Three times amended) A method for producing on a magnetic tape having a magnetic recording side and a non-recording side opposite the recording side, a plurality of servo tracks capable of being optically detected independently from one another, the method comprising passing at least a portion of the magnetic tape through a work area; and printing on the non-recording side of the portion of the magnetic tape as the tape passes through the work area the plurality of optically detectable servo tracks.

3. (Three times amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of servo tracks comprises a plurality of discrete optically independently detectable longitudinally spaced marks.

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